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SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL VELOSO AND ALVES NEW ARMY MEMBERS

SUMMARY: AT DEC 15 MEETING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL NAMED FIVE-MAN COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE REVISION OF AFM-PARTY PACT AND ESTABLISHED A PERIOD OF GRACE FOR SURRENDER OF ILLEGALLY HELD MILITARY ARMS. NORTHERN MILITARY REGION COMMANDER BG PIRES VELOSO AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION MAJ. VITOR ALVES ATTENDED MEETING AS NEW ARMY REPRESENTATIVES. END SUMMARY.

1. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) DEC 16 RELEASED COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING FOLLOWING DECISIONS TAKEN AT ITS DEC 15 MEETING:  
-- AFM-PARTIES PACT: CONSTITUTIONAL PACT SIGNED BETWEEN ARMED  
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FORCES MOVEMENT AND MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES APRIL 11 WAS

"VOLUNTARY AND BINDING," BUT SUSCEPTIBLE TO REVISION TO ALLOW FOR CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES. FIVE-MAN RC COMMISSION WAS CREATED TO NEGOTIATE WITH POLITICAL PARTIES ON REVISION OF PACT, BUT NAMES WERE NOT ANNOUNCED.

-- GRACE PERIOD FOR ARMS SURRENDERS: RC SET SEVENTY-TWO HOUR PERIOD BEGINNING DEC 18 DURING WHICH CIVILIANS IN POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL MILITARY ARMS MAY SURRENDER WEAPONS WITHOUT PENALTY. FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OF GRACE PERIOD, ARMED FORCES WILL RE-INITIATE OPERATIONS TO RECOVER ARMS.

2. NORTHERN MILITARY REGION COMMANDER BG PIRES VELOSO AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION MAJ. VITOR ALVES ATTENDED RC MEETING AS "NEW ARMY REPRESENTATIVES."

3. COMMENT: PIRES VELOSO IS AN "OPERATIONAL" OFFICER FAVORING A LIMITED POLITICAL ROLE FOR THE ARMED FORCES. ALVES, A MODERATE, IS A MEMBER OF "THE NINE" AND PERSONALLY CLOSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER MELO

ANTUNES. HE WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT ANTUNES'S VIEW THAT THE MILITARY SHOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT, IF REDUCED, ROLE IN THE POLITICAL

PROCESS. NAVY HAS YET TO NAME RC REPRESENTATIVES TO REPLACE ADM ROSA COUTINHO AND CDR CONTREIRAS.

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